

Important Notice

On account of the Government's request to conserve bags and the extremely high cost of bags and the loss sustained in the past, we, the undersigned elevators of Gratiot county will on and after July 1st, 1918, discontinue the practice of loaning bags to farmers. As all our patrons must be treated alike it is urgently requested that none of our customers ask us to loan them bags as it will avoid the embarrassment of refusing. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

Signed:

Ithaca Gleaner-Farmers' Elevator Co., Ithaca
Ithaca Roller Mills, Ithaca
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Famous Dog Earns Riches for Master

Canine Actor, Known Over All Europe, Leaps, Juggles And Rides Like a Man.

"Toque" is coming to Alma Thursday, July 18, with Ringling Bros. World's greatest shows. "Toque" is just a dog, but by no means a common dog. He has no pedigree, but he has a reputation that extends all over Europe and he has made a fortune for Alfred Loyal, who owns him.

"Toque" is a wonderful equestrian. He turns single and double summersaults on a horse's back, stands on his head in the saddle, and while sitting upright on the horse's back catches on his nose rings and clown caps tossed to him by Loyal. While the trainer stands in the saddle he perches himself head down on the man's head.

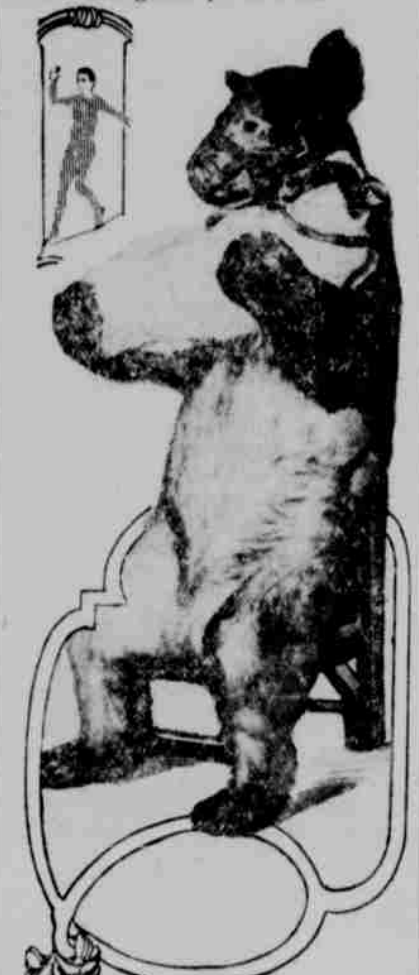
"Toque" is also a wonderful acrobat. He runs down an incline to a springboard and leaps lengthwise over the heads of a row of ten men, turning two summersaults on the way.

In special entertainment for the children this season's circus is remarkably strong. A troupe of baby elephant performers appeals particularly to the young folks. They are the best kind of fun-makers and quite as clever as the three herds of full-grown elephants which perform in one big number. One of these youngsters walks on a rolling ball, guiding it all around the ring. Another sits in the seat of a wagon and drives like a man, a companion in full harness playing the part of horse. They play on Swiss bells, they play at "drop-the-handkerchief" just like a party of children, they skip the rope, stand on their heads, play leap frog, tennis and baseball.

In addition to these dumb actors, there are whole troupes and groups of funny old bears, seals and sen-

lions, fox-terriers, collie dogs, geese, pigs and Shetland ponies.

This season's program opens with the mammoth spectacle of romance and chivalry, "In Days of Old." The animal acts, antics of 80 funny clowns and fully a thousand arenic novelties follow the great pantomime.



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STATE FAIR EXECUTIVE ATTAINS SUCCESS

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Man's success in life is measured ordinarily, by those benefits which he has secured for his fellowman and derived for himself.

It is this standard which is accepted by the board of directors of the Michigan State Fair, year after year, in selecting G. W. Dickinson as Secretary-Manager of the association.

Michigan may well be proud of its state fair, for within the past five years it has grown by leaps and bounds, until, today it is considered one of the largest and greatest fairs in the United States. The farmer of Michigan is, in reality, the promoter and the beneficiary of the state fair. It is his own institution and the Michigan farmer has raised his exhibition to a point where it has few peers. It has been during Mr. Dickinson's tenure as executive officer that the annual exposition has succeeded in reaching the top, where it knows no superior.

The Secretary-Manager took the reins of office five years ago. Since accepting the position he has lived,

breathed and dreamed Michigan State Fair. It has occupied his entire attention for 24 hours each day for the past five years, until he is now in charge of an institution of which every resident of Michigan may speak with pride. Mr. Dickinson was not unknown to the people of the state before taking the office. For years he was identified with the railroad business in Michigan. Six years prior to associating himself with the state fair he was a member of the Michigan Railroad Commission, and left Lansing to accept the Detroit position.

During his private life at Pontiac, Mr. Dickinson has been recognized as a successful merchant, banker and farmer. Even now, he maintains one of the finest farms in Oakland county where he is continually carrying on agricultural experiments and breeding registered cattle. And, it is through being in constant contact with the agricultural and stock breeding conditions of the state that he has been able to place the Michigan State Fair on its present pedestal.

BIDS WANTED

For erection of school building for the town of Elwell, Michigan, District No. 4 Fractional, Seville.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the architect, or the secretary of the Board of Elwell, Michigan, until 2 p. m. on the 15th day of July, 1918, and will be opened at Elwell the same day.

General contract shall include building, except plumbing and heating and electric wiring.

All proposals shall be for labor and materials, in accordance with the plans and specifications, copies of which are on file at the office of the architect, S. D. Butterworth, 432 Tussing Building.

Copies of plans and specifications can be had by applying at the office of the architect and making a deposit of \$15.00 for the care and safe return of same. Upon return of the plans the deposit shall be returned, except where drawings and specifications are retained for a period longer than 10 days, in which event the sum of \$5.00 shall be retained. If the contractor receiving the plans fails to submit a bid he forfeits the deposit.

Contractors are invited to notify the architect at once of their intention to tender, in order that dates can be arranged for letting out of the plans. Tenders shall be accompanied by a certified check, in the sum of \$500.00 for the general contract and \$100.00 for the electric wiring, to be made payable to the Board of Trustees as a guarantee to enter into the contract and furnish satisfactory bond.

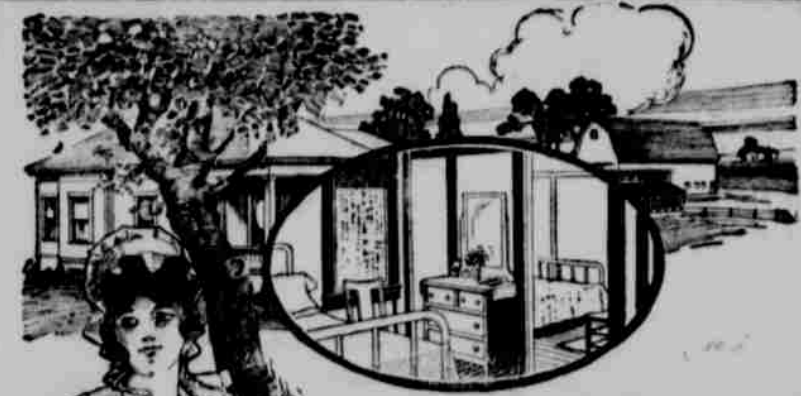
Proposals shall be sealed and indorsed on the outside with the name of the bidder and the character of the work bid upon.

Board reserves the right, under the specifications, to accept or reject any or all bids.

J. R. Miller, Pres.

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